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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to an Office Action having a mailing date July 21, 2003 (Paper No. 8), in which the restricted the invention into groups I through III and required Applicant to elect one of the inventions set forth by the Examiner, Applicant elects the invention of Group I, drawn to a method for identifying compounds that alter FIL-1 theta activity, claims 1-3.

In view of the election, Applicant requests favorable consideration of the application and speedy allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned via telephone, to address questions or otherwise facilitate prosecution of the application.

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